

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 8 with the following:

This application is a continuation of US application serial number 09/244,784 filed February 5, 1999, now ~~allowed and pending issuance~~ US Patent No. 6,012,039, which is a continuation-in-part of US application serial number 07/705,399, filed on August 29, 1996 now US Patent No. 5,870,723, which is a continuation-in-part of US application serial No. 08/442,895 filed on May 17, 1995 now US Patent No. 5,613,012 which is a continuation-in-part of US application serial No. 08/345,523, filed on November 28, 1994, now US Patent No. 5,615,277.